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Sir:

To date, applicant has not received a first office action in the referenced application. Accordingly, because the application was filed more than sixteen (16) months ago, applicant hereby urgently requests that the Patent And Trademark Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the application.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested. An extra copy of this Status Inquiry is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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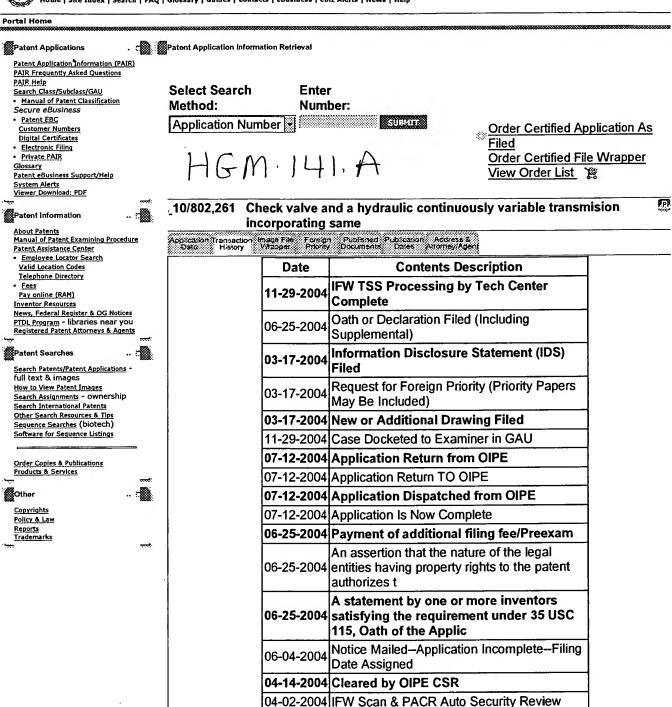
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